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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Plaintiffs.

VS.

JOSEPH PANGELINAN, et al.,

CRIMINAL CASE NO. CR08-00004

DEFENDANT JOSEPH PANGELINAN'S MEMORANDUM REGARDING WITNESSES SELF-INCRIMINATION: CERTIFICATE OF **SERVICE**

Defendants.

INTRODUCTION

A witness in a proceeding may claim the privilege against self-incrimination where it is clear from the question that the response may implicate the witness. See Hashagen v. United States, 283 F.2d 345 (9th Cir. 1960). The Supreme Court of the United States has stated "the Fifth Amendment privilege against compulsory selfincrimination 'protects against any disclosures that the witness reasonably believes could be used in a criminal prosecution or could lead to other evidence that might be so used'." Hiibel v. Sixth Judicial Dist. Court of Nevada, Humboldt County, 542 U.S. 177, 190 (2004) (citation omitted).

Furthermore, "ethical duties require prosecutors to warn unrepresented witnesses of the risk that the testimony they are about to give may be used against them. See <u>United States v. Pinto, 850 F.2d 927, 934 & n. 1 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 488 U.S. 867, 932, 109 S.Ct. 174, 323, 102 L.Ed.2d 143, 341 (1988)</u> (ABA Standards for the Administration of Criminal Justice § 3-3.2(b) requires prosecutor to advise the witness concerning possible self-incrimination and the possible need for counsel.)." <u>United States v. Jackson, 935 F.2d 832, 847 (7th Cir. 1991)</u> (internal quotes omitted). Although Jackson concerned a defense witness, the ethical obligation is not so limited.

However, a prosecution witness may be compelled to testify by being granted immunity in the matter. <u>Id.</u> Should a witness be granted immunity with regard to his or her testimony, defense counsel should be allowed to address the immunity agreement between the prosecution and the witness during cross-examination. See <u>United States v. Arnell, 187 Fed.Appx. 724, 730-731</u>. Furthermore, the prosecution has a duty to disclose the details of any immunity deal struck between prosecution and a witness. The Ninth Circuit, in addressing the issue of whether a Brady violation occurred by prosecution's failure to disclose a possible immunity agreement in the case before them, stated:

[i]n criminal cases, the prosecution has a duty to disclose all material evidence that is favorable to the accused. Brady, 373 U.S. at 87, 83 S.Ct. 1194. This duty extends not only to exculpatory evidence but also to "evidence that the defense might have used to impeach the Government's witnesses by showing bias or interest." United States v. Bagley, 473 U.S. 667, 676, 105 S.Ct. 3375, 87 L.Ed.2d 481 (1985).

Horton v. Mayle, 408 F.3d 570, 578 (9th Cir. 2005). The Ninth Circuit, in Horton, went on to find that the prosecution's failure to disclose the immunity agreement, if one did in fact exist it that case, undermined confidence in the outcome of the agreement and remanded to the lower court to confirm its existence. Horton, 408 F.3d at 581.

We respectfully request that unrepresented witnesses be informed concerning possible self-incrimination and that any immunity agreements made by prosecution with respect to these witnesses be disclosed to defense counsel.

Dated this 25 day of June, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, LOUIE J. YANZA, hereby certify that on the 25th day of June, 2008, I caused a copy of the foregoing and annexed **Defendant JOSEPH PANGELINAN's**Memorandum Regarding Witnesses Self-Incrimination to be served upon the parties hereto, by either delivering, faxing and/or mailing a copy of same to their attorneys of record, as follows:

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